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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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SUBJ: MODE - PEACE CORPS STAFFING

REF: A) STATE 239089; B) DEPT. A-3714; C) ASUNCION A-66;  
D) ASUNCION 511

1. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONCUR WITH PEACE  
CORPS PROPOSAL TO INCREASE AMERICAN STAFF LEVEL FROM 2  
TO 3 POSITIONS IN FY77.

2. IN JANUARY 1976 (REF D) EMBASSY REPORTED, WITH  
CONCURRENCE OF LOCAL PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR, THAT AMERICAN  
DOCTOR POSITION WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE  
ABOLISHED UPON DEPARTURE OF INCUMBENT AND THAT PEACE  
CORPS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF LEVEL OF 2 US AND 6 FN SHOULD  
BE ESTABLISHED FOR FY77. THIS WAS CONFIRMED IN THE CASP  
SUBMITTED BY THE EMBASSY AND APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL  
SECURITY COUNCIL - INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP ARA (REF B)  
IN WHICH PEACE CORPS PARTICIPATED. (THE LEVEL OF 3 US  
5 FN CITED IN REF A) AS MODE LEVEL EXPLICITLY REFERRED TO  
FY76 STAFFING PATTERN.)

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH EARLIER AGREEMENT, PEACE CORPS  
HAS CONTRACTED A LOCAL PHYSICIAN TO PROVIDE MEDICAL  
CARE FOR VOLUNTEERS, ELIMINATING PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. IF  
PEACE CORPS REQUEST WERE GRANTED, THE RESULT WOULD  
BE THREE AMERICANS TO UNDERTAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
WORK PREVIOUSLY HANDLED BY TWO AMERICANS. AT THE SAME  
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TIME THE CASP PROJECTIONS FOR RESOURCES TO BE USED BY

PEACE CORPS IN FY77 CALL FOR A REDUCTION IN FUNDS AS WELL AS A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS COMPARED TO FY76 LEVELS. THE PEACE CORPS REQUEST IS THEREFORE IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION OF US POLICIES OF KEEPING AMERICAN PRESENCE AT THE MINIMUM EFFICIENT LEVEL, OF USING LOCAL NATIONALS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND OF REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES.  
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